THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

W.P. No. 24624 of 2006

Oral Order:

As against the order dated 20.09.2006, passed by the 1st respondent-Authority under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 (for short 'the Act'), in P.G. No. 13 of 2005, it is submitted by the learned Government Pleader for Labour and admitted to by the learned counsel for the petitioners that an appeal under Section 7(7) of the Act lies to the Deputy Commissioner of Labour.

2. In the circumstances, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with the following directions:

The petitioners shall avail the remedy of appeal available to them against the impugned order under Section 7(7) of the Act before the Deputy Commissioner of Labour within a period of six weeks from today. Till such time, there shall be stay of recovery of the amounts pursuant to the impugned order.

3. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 27.11.2006
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